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IDAHO CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 8 PERCENT

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on December 1, 2005 totaled 280,000 head, down 8 percent from the December 1, 2004 inventory, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The inventory was down 3 percent from the number on hand November 1, 2005. Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during November totaled 49,000 head, down 1,000 head from November 2004 placements. Marketings during November totaled 57,000 head, up 9,000 from November 2004 marketings.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.7 million head on December 1, 2005. The inventory was 3 percent above December 1, 2004 and 3 percent above December 1, 2003. Placements in feedlots during November totaled 2.05 million, 17 percent above 2004 and 6 percent above 2003. Net placements were 1.95 million head. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 660,000, 600-699 pounds were 650,000, 700-799 pounds were 420,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 315,000. Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.70 million, 4 percent above 2004 and 11 percent above 2003. Other disappearance totaled 91,000 during November, 16 percent below 2004 and 6 percent below 2003.

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